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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Airmen receive surprise promotions

Jeff Soots, 355th Maintenance Group, has his new master sergeant stripes "tacked on" by Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief. Sergeant Soots is one of five 355th Wing Airmen selected to receive a Stripes to Exceptional Performers promotion this year. For more information see, *Airmen earn promotions*, Page 12.

ACC: Sexual assaults being underreported

By 1st Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — There are more sexual assaults occurring in Air Combat Command than are reported, according to an ACC report that provides an unprecedented look into the climate of the command.

The internal look began in March after Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force vice chief of staff, tasked each major command to assess sexual assault response programs at each installation, report findings and make recommendations for improvement.

In response, Gen. Hal Hornburg, former ACC commander, appointed three teams to visit all ACC bases in the United States and a fourth team to visit forward-deployed locations. The Sexual Assault Assessment Teams gathered information in four areas: education and training, reporting procedures, response programs and program oversight.

Besides the team visits, ACC leaders wanted to

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Mirage lunch buffet temporarily moves to Desert Oasis

By Chris Sweeny
355th Services Squadron

The Davis-Monthan Mirage Officers' Club may have closed its doors temporarily, but club patrons dining and catering needs will continue to be fulfilled at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club.

The Mirage is currently undergoing major renovations through July to build a new base conference center. During these renovations, The Desert Oasis will serve all ranks

lunch buffets in its ballroom Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to the weekday lunches, The Desert Oasis will also offer a Champagne Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"In February, we will offer specially advertised evening dining like our popular Steak Night and special theme meals," said Susan King, The Desert Oasis manager. "We want our customers to continue to have the same great dining experience they enjoyed at The Mirage."

In addition to club dining moving to The Desert Oasis, all catering arrangements and special functions will be handled by The Desert Oasis catering office.

"Monte's Lounge in the Desert Oasis can handle special functions and parties for about 50 people while the club's ballroom can handle larger occasions like weddings, induction ceremonies and parties for up to 150 people," said Sherry Jones, The Mirage Club Manager and Club caterer.

To make a reservation for a special function or catered event, call the catering office at 228-3100, extension 13.

For evening dining specials, check the club calendar in the February Service Activities Magazine.

The magazine provides one stop shopping for everything going on at the club and in other Services Activities, Ms. Jones said.

During renovations, The Mirage Poly Bar and Barber Shop will remain open. For more information concerning the clubs, call 228-3100.

The January Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline in hours as of Jan. 4

Squadron	Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Squadron	Aircraft	Goal	Flown
41st ECS	EC-130	206.6	0.0	162nd FS	Various	171.0	0.0
43rd ECS	EC-130	205.0	0.0	354th FS	A-10	852.4	58.1
55th RQS	HH-60	196.9	29	357th FS	A-10	726.0	25.9
79th RQS	C-130	137.0	0.0	358th FS	A-10	724.0	20.5

Airmen Against Drunk Driving

580 Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by Airmen Against Drunk Driving during 2004. This is a 263 increase from 2003. For a ride, call 850-2233 Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and Sunday from 4 p.m. to midnight.



Courtesy photo

(Left to right) Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Mark Stearns, 12th Air Force vice commander and Col. Lourdes Castillo, Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center commander, pause while serving meals to the D-M community during the Christmas Day Feast at the Desert Inn Dining Facility.

Reaching higher in 2005

Happy New Year! 2004 was an extraordinary year for the Desert Lightning Team culminating in a well-deserved holiday break. I could go on and on about our achievements across the installation but I want to discuss our progress on a personal level — as Airmen relating to Airmen.

We have taken our first basic mission task, *Developing and Nurturing Airmen*, to a new level. One example is our Lightning Strike Force — where leadership at all levels spends time throughout the week and weekends in the dorms. The framework of this engagement

campaign is now Air Combat Command policy. Another example is how we took care of each other over this past holiday season. On both Thanksgiving and Christmas, the number of Airmen dining alone was very small. In fact, Command Chief Cobb went through the dorms and found only a dozen Airmen without plans on Thanksgiving Day — all ended up at his place for turkey.

We repeated this dedication to our Airmen hundreds of times across the installation. I asked every Airman coming through Craycroft gate the day before Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve what their plans were — all were sharing the holiday with families, friends or a supervisor.

This investment in our own paid off ... we did not lose a single Airman from the installation over the holiday season. Additionally, between Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years we had only one alcohol-related incident. You and I won't be satisfied until we have zero, but this represents a great improvement. It happened because of leadership and a commitment to all our Airmen.

While this is all a huge success we cannot let our guard down. The "joys of the holiday season" now become the "jolts of January" as the bills come due, the deployments spin up and we get back into full swing. Personal and professional problems can overwhelm some. These problems can manifest themselves into depression, withdrawal, nagging family problems, bursts of anger, dissatisfaction with relationships with our boy/girl friend, husband/wife, or children.

These aren't just personal problems, they're a

leadership challenge for every Airman. We have befriended and engaged every Airman on our team by getting into their personal space — learning about their married and single lives, their kids and kin, their hobbies and off-duty plans. We must continue to build on that and listen. We must remain alert to those exhibiting 'risk factors' which could lead to destructive behavior. Such a commitment takes time — time we must continue to invest.

We cannot lose sight that we hold the key to our success in 2005. We can and will measure our achievements in a variety of ways. But, our most fundamental success is to ensure that each Airman who leaves this installation to go home, go on temporary duty, deploy or on leave, returns for duty. Additionally, we need to hone in and eliminate alcohol-related incidents.

Impossible over the course of the 358 days remaining in 2005? Perhaps. But, if we break it down and invest our time and effort into our Airmen for today — we'll succeed today. Then, let's repeat it for the next 358 days. With this mindset, we'll make what appears to be the "impossible" a reality.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes need to contact callers to gather additional information.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Services Squadron offers a full range of military and community support programs for the Davis-Monthan community. Programs such as dining facilities, libraries and fitness centers directly support the unit readiness mission by providing a physically and mentally fit force. Other services programs support overall military readiness and preparedness as they provide for the basic needs of Air Force people in a hostile or contingency environment. Their community service programs support the family unit and contribute to individual social development and enjoyment. Finally, the family support and quality-of-life initiatives help attract and more importantly, retain a quality force.

Five flights comprise the squadron: resource management, combat support, family member support, business operations and community support. The services squadron is also the largest organization in the 355th Mission Support Group.

Tech. Sgt. Keith Jacobsen, 355th Services Squadron, shows Staff Sgt. Genna Mark and Master Sgt. Dannela Watkins, both from the 355th Mission Support Squadron, flyers for upcoming events.



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11 Airmen receive UCMJ punishment



◆ A senior airman from the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a reduction to airman first class, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand **for failure to report on time**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ A staff sergeant from the 355th SFS received a suspended reduction to senior airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand **for sleeping while on duty**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty for **committing sodomy**. This was a violation of Article 125 of the UCMJ.

◆ A staff sergeant from the 355th Communications Squadron received a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand **for using the Bank of America Travel Card for personal use and for failure to pay the balance**. These were violations of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th AMXS received a reduction to airman and 14 days extra duty for **failure to report to duty on time**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman basic from the 355th SFS received a suspended forfeiture of \$50 pay for two months, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand **for using disrespectful language towards an NCO and for failure to complete a duty**. These were a violation of Article 91 and 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th SFS received a

suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$50 pay for two months, 20 days extra duty and a reprimand, **for failure to submit a leave form prior to going on leave**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman basic from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions** supported by one Article 15 and one letter of reprimand.

◆ An airman from the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions** supported by one Article 15, two LORs and one record of individual counseling.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th AMXS was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions** supported by one Article 15, two LORs and one LOC.

◆ A senior airman from the 612th Combat Operations Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions** supported by one Article 15, three LORs and two ROCs.

(Editors note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocate's Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which include: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Airman's Attic receives Ariz. Governor's Award

The Airman's Attic received the 2004 Ariz. Governor's Volunteer Service Award. The award is designed to recognize organizations striving to build an ethic of service and volunteerism by working in partnership with public, private, local and statewide organizations to recognize volunteer efforts.

Julie Johnson, wife of Staff Sgt. Dustin Johnson, 355th Communications Squadron, sorts clothes donated to the Airman's Attic.



Emergency Numbers

Ambulance.....911
Casualty Assistance.....228-3686
(After duty hours).....228-3121
Duty Chaplain.....228-5411
(After duty hours).....228-3517
Fire Reporting.....911
Public Affairs.....228-3204
(After duty hours).....228-7400
Fraud Waste and Abuse.....228-3177

Base Operations.....228-4315
Mortuary Officer.....228-5964 or 4414
(After duty hours).....228-3121
Command Post.....228-7400
355th Security Forces Crime Stop.....228-4444
Safety.....228-5558
(After duty hours).....909-0316
Base locator.....228-3347
TIPS Line.....228-TIPS (8477)

News Notes

Swan gate closure

Swan Road Gate is closed for construction. The gate is scheduled to reopen in March.

Car decals

All 2004 decals must be replaced by Jan. 31. New decals are available at the Craycroft Road visitor's center Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Feb. 28. They are also available at pass and registration Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Road construction

Road construction will occur Monday through Jan. 23 on Herky Boulevard. East bound traffic will use Herky Boulevard between Zapper Avenue and Falcon Street. West bound traffic will use a route south of B/127 identified by signs and barricades. For more information, call Eric Hazlett at 228-4244.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Lydia Parker at 228-3204.

Home selling workshop

The housing management office is hosting a home selling workshop Thursday at the community center from 1 to 3 p.m. For reservations, call Tina West at 228-5548.

Customer service closure

The 355th Mission Support Squadron Customer Service Section will close Jan. 19 through 20 for a system upgrade.

Commissary closure

The Commissary will close for a store reset Jan. 23 through 25.

Limited multimedia support

Support provided by the 355th Communications Squadron multimedia element graphics and video section will be limited until April 31. This includes presentation and video teleconferencing support, so send requests in advance. Self-help equipment is available. To make a reservation, call 228-3406 or 228-3510.

Speakers Bureau

The base Speakers Bureau is in need of individuals willing to speak about their jobs and the military. For more information, contact Janie McLaury at 228-5091.

Terrorism history

Jan. 6, 1989 two of prime minister Indira Gandhi's Sikh bodyguards were hanged for her Oct. 31, 1984 assassination.

Award winners receive flight

D-M top performers given incentive rides in fighter aircraft for job well done

Story and photo by Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen have a new reason to strive to be top performers while stationed at Davis-Monthan; an incentive ride in a fighter-trainer aircraft.

"Typically at fighter bases, top performers earn incentive rides in the base's aircraft," said Col. Michael Isherwood, 355th Wing vice commander.

But, according to Colonel Isherwood, this is difficult at D-M because the A-10 is a single-seat aircraft. So, base leadership turned to other Air Force units to help recognize outstanding performers.

"We were fortunate enough to have the 9th Reconnaissance Wing offer to come to base to give our people rides in their T-38s," Colonel Isherwood said.

In December, pilots, maintainers and two aircraft arrived at D-M from Beale Air Force Base, Calif. to give 11 D-M Airmen rides. Those chosen to fly were selected for being exceptional at their jobs.

"This is a commander-run program," Colonel Isherwood said. "Group commanders provide recommendations of who, in their group, they most want to recognize for their performance. These will typically be annual award or quarterly award winners."

The incentive rides are being used as a way to not only recognize Airmen but to entice others to excel as well.

"Recognition with certificates and plaques is

great but a chance to fly as a reward will (hopefully) leave a lifetime of memories," said Capt. Donald Macleod, 358th Fighter Squadron A-10 Formal Training Unit instructor pilot.

According to Master Sgt. Duane Judy, 355th Wing Installation Antiterrorism officer and one of the 11 selected to fly in December, his incentive flight was a chance of a lifetime.

"This was an incredible opportunity that is hard to describe with words," said Sergeant Judy. "The chance to fly in a fighter trainer doesn't come often and I enjoyed every minute. The pilot was extremely nice and the flight was amazing."

"The incentive flight entails either a formation (two T-38s flying together) or a single ship take-off to a Military Operating Area," Captain Macleod said. "In the MOA airspace, the incentive flier will have the chance to fly the jet and do some aerobatics like a barrel roll, loop, aileron roll or cloverleaf with some instruction given by the pilot."

Sergeant Judy said the aerobatics and having the opportunity to fly the aircraft caused an equal rush.

"Recognition is a very important part of any job, especially in the military where people are working long hours," Sergeant Judy said. "This program tells me we have great leadership here at D-M because they are concerned about their people and willing to go the extra mile for us. I will be a poster child to advocate people doing the best they can to get this type of reward."

Airmen at D-M who work hard will have their own chance for an incentive flight.

"The plan is to have this (program) quarterly if we can get the outside support from flying squadrons with two seat trainer aircraft," Captain Macleod said.



Airman 1st Class Tupe Godinet, 358th Fighter Squadron, receives life support training on how to properly eject from the T-38. While no problems occurred during the December incentive flights, each flier received training to ensure they were fully prepared to safely exit the aircraft in the event of an emergency. Training also familiarized the fliers with the aircraft prior to takeoff.

Col. hits 4,000 hours in A-10

12th Air Force pilot achieves milestone

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

A pilot with the 12th Air Force reached a milestone in the A-10 Dec. 29 when he flew his 4,000th hour.

Col. David Tanaka, the Air National Guard Advisor at the 12th Air Force, was able to log his 4,000th hour after about 2,000 sorties.

He has been flying A-10s since 1983, and has flown sorties over Iraq and Bosnia, he said.

Colonel Tanaka is one of only a handful of A-10 pilots to reach this milestone.

It's more difficult for a fighter pilot to log this many hours on a single plane because the sorties don't last as

long as other types of planes, said Col. Bill Napolitano, 355th Operations Group deputy commander.

When Colonel Tanaka landed, a large portion of the 358th Fighter Squadron as well as several members of his family were waiting on the flightline to congratulate him on his accomplishment.

"I wanted to come out and celebrate this milestone for not only his career, but also for the A-10 flying community as a whole," said Colonel Napolitano. "We all came out to acknowledge his great achievement."

"For me, it's been a pleasure to serve my country and fly the A-10 for more than 4,000 hours," said Colonel Tanaka.

After landing from a sortie Dec. 29 that put his flying time in an A-10 over the 4,000 hour mark, Col. David Tanaka, 12th Air Force, gets sprayed down by 1st Lt. Andrew Tidgewell and 1st Lt. Eric Fleming, both with the 358th Fighter Squadron.



An educated force is a stronger force

By Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Base Training and Education Services office at Davis-Monthan offers active-duty, guard, reserve, retired Airmen and servicemembers guidance in educational needs and also provides limited assistance to their dependents.

"We touch all aspects of an Airman's career; from (Career Development Course) testing, academic counseling and testing, to assisting them in long term goals such as a degree plan, starting school, advanced degrees or applying for a commission in the Air Force," said Phil King, 355th Mission Support Squadron BTES flight chief.

The BTES office provides numerous avenues to expand horizons.

"The education (and) training, formal or informal, is the channel to endow our Airmen with said preparation," said Raphael Maldonado, 355th MSS guidance counselor. "How else can you provide the 'tools' to perform their duties and to be able to act independently when an out-of-the-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

At D-M's education office, Staff Sgt. Ruth Scott (left), 162nd Fighter Wing, receives help from Norma White, 355th Mission Support Squadron, on completing paper work for her bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

norm situation arises? (There) may come a time where the need for direction has to come from within. The Airman who understands his or her duties, possesses the technical knowledge to perform the tasks and has the authority to carry out the assignment is what leadership and management is

all about. Through education and training we prepare the Airmen to accept and carry the torch to the finish line."

For more information on the services provided, stop by the BTES office located in Building 3200 Room 262 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call, 228-4815.

Local scholarships

◆ Officer's Spouses Club and Enlisted Spouses' Association offers a scholarship open to high school seniors or spouses of active-duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve or deceased servicemembers of any military branch. However, the applicant or servicemember must live in the Pima County area. Applications are available at the enlisted club, base education office, family support center, day care center and the community center. High school seniors may pick up an application from their guidance counselor. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 28. For more information, e-mail dmoscscholarship@yahoo.com.

◆ The Military Officers Association of America is currently accepting applications. The program will award 50 scholarship grants of \$1,000 to dependant children of military personnel. Scholarship recipients are randomly selected through a drawing. Applications are available online at www.moaa.org.

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give Airmen a way to provide anonymous feedback on the sexual assault and harassment climate in the command and at ACC's deployed locations.

"Our people are my top priority," said Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, current ACC commander and vice commander at the time the assessment began. "We must not waiver in our determination to rid our command of all sexual assault and sexual harassment. Our people and our mission are too important to do anything less."

With this as a charter, ACC created, and the Air Force Personnel Center administered, a personal safety survey to 89,604 Airmen command-wide March 25 through April 7. Nearly 26,000 individuals provided anonymous feedback to supplement the Sexual Assault Assessment Team's findings. Results of the survey indicate there are more sexual assaults occurring in the command than are being reported.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations examined 103 alleged sexual assaults throughout ACC in Fiscal 2003. However, 228 women and 84 men participating in the survey believed they had been sexually assaulted, most in the past 12 months while at their current duty assignment. The questionnaire defined sexual assault as ranging from touching someone in a sexual manner without their consent to rape.

"Even one sexual crime is too many," said Gen-

eral Wright. "The standard is clear: sexual assault and harassment are inconsistent with our core values and impede our ability to perform our mission."

The Sexual Assault Assessment Team report also cited two areas for improvement: the implementation of standardized education programs focused on preventing sexual assaults and creation of a climate where sexual assault victims are confident they can report the crime to commanders and receive effective support.

The report findings recognized Davis-Monthan Air Force Base for providing a localized briefing to Airmen attending the First Term Airman's Course on sexual assault prevention, reporting and response. In addition D-M was recognized for efforts being made to establish a Sexual Assault Response Team.

"This report provides us more information than we've ever had to focus our efforts on deterring assaults and providing necessary support to victims," said Col. Edward Dixon, ACC director of personnel.

Based on all the MAJCOM inputs, Air Education and Training Command officials are developing an Air Force-wide program to inform people about what constitutes sexual assault, appropriate preventive measures and the reporting process.

"We all have a role to play," General Wright said. "Educate yourself, enforce standards of decency and conduct and do not tolerate inappropriate behavior at any level. The nation looks to us as its ultimate defenders. It is essential we maintain the highest standards as we carry the fight to the enemy."

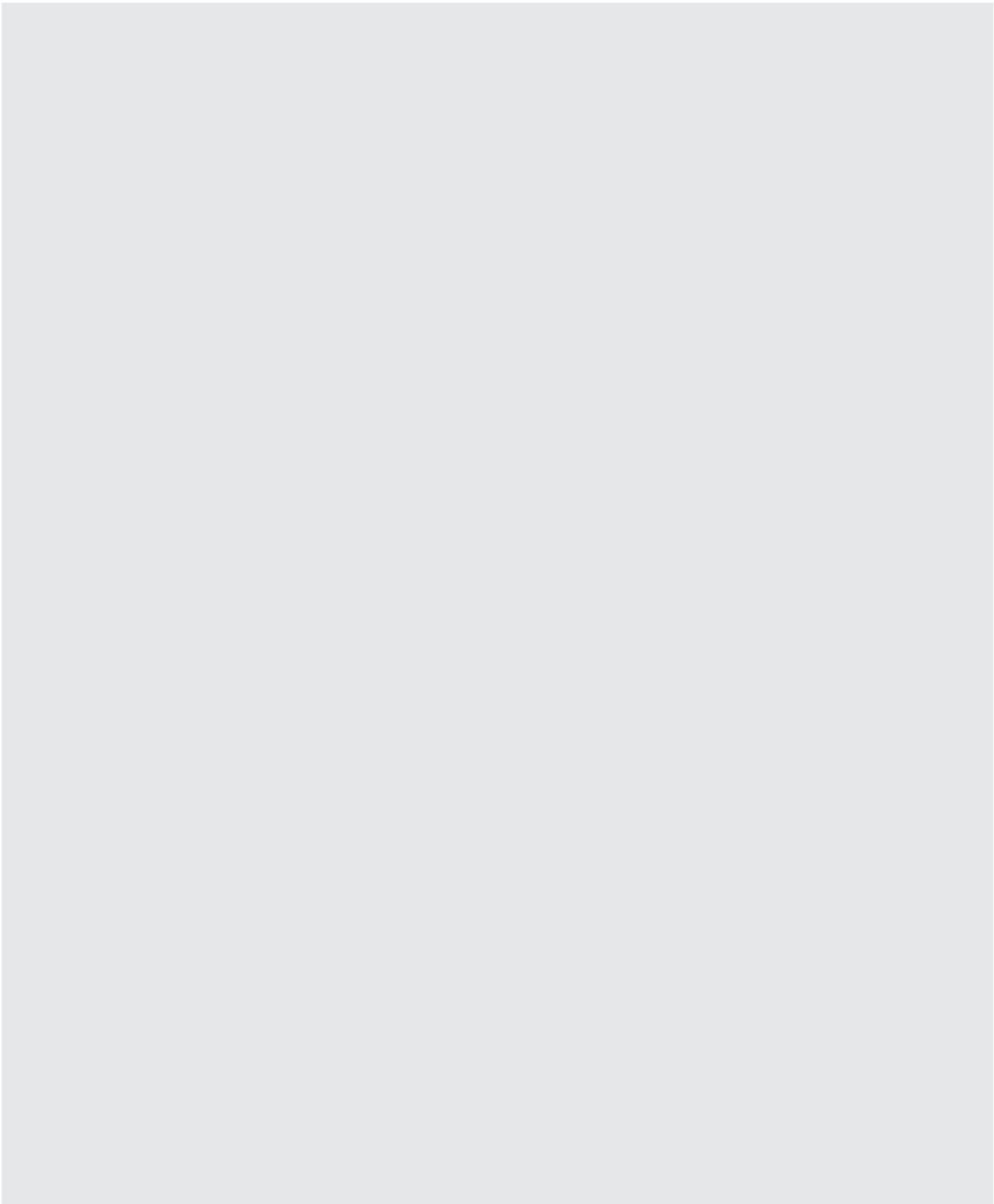
The report is available at ACC's public Web site at www.acc.af.mil.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

355th SFS finds new home

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and Airman 1st Class Lindsay Haile, 355th Security Forces Squadron, cut the ribbon to open the new 355th SFS building as Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander, observes.



Facing the unknown

Davis-Monthan Airman shares experiences of her first deployment

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Deploying for the first time or the tenth time for any serviceman or woman brings many questions of what lies ahead. Though fellow servicemembers and past experiences try to help others prepare for what may come, the unknown still faces all who deploy.

When Airman 1st Class Kristy Boguslaw, 355th Security Forces Squadron 'B' flight member, received word she would soon leave for Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, for seven months she felt excited and scared at the same time. For her first deployment the question of what was ahead loomed in her preparation.

"I knew going to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar were suppose to be 'good' deployments, but I did not know what to expect at Kirkuk," Airman Boguslaw said.

At Kirkuk Air Base, located about 150 miles north of Baghdad, Airman Boguslaw performed missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Vigilant Resolve.

Even with the training and the assurance she was prepared to deploy and ready to fight when ordered, many things about the environment at Kirkuk surprised Airman Boguslaw.

"I never thought I would hear or see gun shots and explosions everyday," Airman Boguslaw said. "I did not believe there would be people killed in the area I was in."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kristy Boguslaw

Airman 1st Class Kristy Boguslaw mans a gun during one of her many Security Forces Tactical Force Team missions while deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.

"In addition, I did not think I would work with the Army there or that I would go off-base into the city and be able to see how the locals lived," she said.

But both of these became part of Airman Boguslaw's daily activities. During her deployment she manned a guard tower on the base's perimeter. Then when the first ever Security Forces Tactical Force Team was stood up, Airman Boguslaw received a heavy gunner position.

Airman Boguslaw was hand selected by her squadron leadership as a member of the Tactical-Force, said Master Sgt. Douglas DeLashmit, 355th SFS first sergeant.

Being selected as a team member meant a lot to Airman Boguslaw, one

of the youngest of the team at 19 years old.

"I felt really proud because a lot of higher ups looked up to us," she said. "We set the standard for everyone else while we were there."

Only two females were selected as members of the Tact-Force team. One was placed on the day shift and Airman Boguslaw received the night shift.

As a member of the Tact-Force Team, Airman Boguslaw was fully involved in Army patrols, supported infantry units and security force members, extracted and resupplied allied snipers, escorted the explosive ordnance disposal team to discovered unexploded ordnance through treacherous terrain, escorted the Office of Special Investigations on in-

telligence gathering missions, worked with the Iraqi Police and more.

According to team members, she was regarded as one of the best machine gunners on base.

While on Tact-Force missions, Airman Boguslaw received the chance to see firsthand how Iraqis live. During the missions she served as a Tact-Force patrol driver for 20 joint Army Air Force recon patrols. During these joint patrols, children would often turn in ammunition and other dangerous items to Tact-Force members.

"Once on a patrol a child kept bringing different ammunitions to us," she said. Eventually he led the team to an unexploded 122 mm Russian HEAT rocket.

"It was the children who led us to most of this stuff," Airman Boguslaw said.

In addition to all of the things she saw in the field, the factor that surprised her most was how she was treated by the Iraqi men.

"Most of the time the Iraqis would call me Mister because my hair was up and my helmet was on," she said. "When they found out I was a female they would cling to me."

Though Airman Boguslaw could never have known what would face her when she deployed, all of the preparation she received at D-M before leaving helped her have an open mind which lead to a very memorable deployment.

Federal government outlaws Andro supplements

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

"Long before the current major league baseball controversy over steroids, there was controversy over another performance enhancing substance: androstenedione, commonly referred to as Andro," said Major Steven Anderson, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, aerospace physiologist.

Androstenedione gained popularity as the supplement used by home run hitter Mark McGwire. It is a direct precursor to testosterone and estrogen in men and women. Because it has been legally available over-the-counter, people use it as an alternative to anabolic steroids to increase testosterone levels, improve athletic performance and build muscle.

Short-term use (less than 30 days) can increase testosterone levels. However, with continued use testosterone levels return to normal.

"Furthermore, scientific evidence also shows that

the use of Andro does not result in significant increases in muscle strength, muscle size or lean body mass," Major Anderson said. "On the other hand, studies have proven long-term use of Andro can lead to many adverse side effects like acne, behavioral changes, testicular atrophy, high cholesterol, an increased risk of heart disease and an increased risk of prostate cancer."

Even though Andro has been available without a prescription, it is banned by the International Olympics Committee, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, the National Hockey League and the World Natural Body Building Federation.

These organizations have banned Andro because the risks far outweigh any benefits, and it could pose a danger to the health of athletes governed by those organizations, Major Anderson said.

As of Jan. 20, Andro can no longer be legally

purchased in the United States due to Senate Bill 2195, signed by President George W. Bush. After this date, it will be illegal to consume Andro.

Airman who are caught with the drug in their system may face charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, said Capt. Ryan Oakley, 355th Wing deputy chief of military justice.

"Make sure you do not accidentally take something that will get you in trouble," Major Anderson said. "For instance, Androstenedione is found not only in supplements marketed to body builders but also in supplements marketed as male performance enhancers."

"Fortunately, Davis-Monthan's General Nutrition Center has already pulled all Andro-containing supplements off its shelves," Major Anderson said. "However, it can still be found in some supplements sold in town and on the Internet."

For more information, call the D-M Health and Wellness Center at 228-2294.

DoD offers prescription benefits

By Capt. Melinda Sams
355th Medical Support Squadron

Department of Defense beneficiaries have several options to fill their prescription medications, some are free of charge and some include co-payment.

Some options beneficiaries have include using a Military Treatment Facility, TRICARE Retail Network Pharmacies, TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy and Non-Network Retail Pharmacies. For example, active-duty members worldwide, TRICARE eligible beneficiaries under 65 years of age and the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program are eligible to have medications filled through the TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit.

A change to benefits no longer requires full payment for a prescription when crossing TRICARE Regions.

The following are options available to beneficiaries for filling prescriptions:

◆ The Davis-Monthan Pharmacy Limited Formulary uses the main clinic pharmacy to fill prescriptions Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at no cost. In addition, the satellite pharmacy is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide refill services. Prescriptions received after 4:30 p.m. will be available for pick-up the following duty day after 8 a.m. Prescriptions which can't be filled on base will be referred

to an off-base provider. A quick list of high-use medications is available at the main pharmacy. For a complete list, visit <http://www.dm.af.mil/hospitalHome.htm>.

◆ The TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy provides up to a 90-day supply of generic medication for \$3 and brand name medication for \$9. Refills of controlled substances are limited to a 30-day supply. Prescriptions are mailed to the home or an alternate address. Most over-the-counter medications are not covered under this program. For more information, visit www.pec.ha.osd.mil/TMOP/TMOPhome.htm or call (866) 363-8667.

◆ The TRICARE Retail Network Pharmacies offer up to a 30-day supply of generic medication for \$3 and brand name medication is \$9. For information on local participating pharmacies, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/>. Once there, click on Retail Network Pharmacies then choose Pharmacy Locator Page in the first line.

◆ Using a non-network retail pharmacy is the most expensive option for eligible beneficiaries. The cost to fill a prescription is \$9 or 20 percent of the total drug cost, whichever is greater. Beneficiaries will typically receive 80 percent reimbursement of the full retail price for medications, after meeting their annual TRICARE deductible amount.

For additional prescription benefit information which can't be found on the listed Web sites, call 228-1552.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael O'Conner

Serving in the desert

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Senior Airman Jennifer Weyandt, 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, issues a weapon. She is one of more than 30 security forces Airmen deployed from D-M.

Are you leading or managing Airmen?

Learning to lead during 2005

By Maj. Deborah Meserve
355th Component Maintenance Squadron
commander

Leadership, leadership, leadership. That is the hot topic of our times. In the dynamic environment of the Air Force, nothing stays the same.

Change is our business and leadership more than management is required to stay ahead of the "Change Meister." How many of you have been asked what is the difference between management and leadership? How many have wondered if you are born a leader or can become one? There are tons of books, clichés and sound bytes that cover this topic, but for this week, I am going to give you a few practical applications to help you decide if you are a leader or a manager.

If you find yourself starting your statements regarding a problem with, "We always ..." or "We

never ..."; you just might be a manager. A manager knows the facts and reports them by saying things like, "We always are the last to know."

A leader does not have those words in their vocabulary. Whenever a leader hears always or never, it is the signal that it is time to take action. Leaders ask why and how and then look for the source of who can help resolve the situation. Try the leadership approach this week if you hear yourself saying always, never or can't.

If you find yourself saying "I could have told them ...," you just might be a manager. A manager is satisfied with reporting their knowledge after the fact, especially if they were not specifically asked for that particular information. A leader sees a problem coming and takes action. They don't wait until after the fact. So this week, if you find yourself saying "I knew that person was going to be mad," or "I knew that project wasn't going to get done," be a leader and highlight the issue without being asked.

If you handle taskings with a first-come, first-serve approach, you just might be a manager. Managers fill the requirement in the quickest way. Leaders look for the optimal person or the optimal way to fill the requirement even if it might take a bit longer. This week, look at your taskers and take the optimal approach. It is worth the time.

If you find yourself saying "The Boss wants ..." or "We have to do this because the Boss ..." you just might be a manager. A manager needs leverage to get the point across. A leader takes the boss's vision or request and makes it their own. This is one of the tougher leadership challenges. It takes practice to get good at. This week, when you are passing along information, leave out who is driving the request and see what happens.

Everyone can be a leader. Sometimes it takes practice. Sometimes it takes noticing that you are looking at a situation like a manager versus a leader. Good luck. The Air Force needs everyone to lead us into an even greater future.

Final Answer

What is your New Year's resolution?



Staff Sgt. Sarah Hall
355th Medical
Support Squadron

"My New Year's resolution is to be a better mother."



Staff Sgt. Jess Shipley
43rd Electronic
Combat Squadron

"To stop using chewing tobacco because it's bad for you."



Linnea Clouse
Widow of Charles Clouse,
Vietnam Veteran

"I want to try and not say negative things about people."



1st Lt. Mary Rudy
355th Civil
Engineer Squadron

"To hike and enjoy more of what Tucson has to offer."



Staff Sgt.
Timothy Brewster
355th Security
Forces Squadron

"I want to get more involved in education."



Master Sgt. Ronald Dyer
355th Maintenance
Operations Squadron

"To not argue with my wife about Christmas spending next year."

D-M Airmen score high on their end of course exams

By Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

Congratulations to the following Airmen who received a 90 or above on their career development course exam in the month of November:

25th Operational Weather Squadron: Master Sgt. Allan Brandt and Tech. Sgt. Jason Ziemba; **43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Kenneth Williams; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Steven Dennison, Airman 1st Class Julie Mims and Airman Basic Curt Rios; **355th Civil Engineer Squadron:** Senior Airman Jessica Packard, Senior Airman Kathryn Santos, Airman 1st Class Jorge Alcala, Airman 1st Class Stephen Mulligan, Airman 1st Class Robert Terrell, Airman

1st Class Jake Tiffany and Airman Alison Tino; **355th Communications Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Jason Chubb, **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Shane Martin; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Shari Hastings and Airman 1st Class Gregory Haight and **355th Services Squadron:** Senior Airman Olevia Wesley.

Many Airmen who score high on their end of course exam receive various incentives such as passes ranging from one to three days off from work depending on the policy from the Airman's squadron.

According to Danny Atkins, 355th Mission Support Squadron education technician, this program helps to develop and nurture Airmen by giving them some recognition for studying hard and striving for excellence.

Graduation

2 from D-M finish USAF Weapons School

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Two Airmen from Davis-Monthan graduated with the latest U.S. Air Force Weapons School class.

Capt. Christopher Plante, 357th Fighter Squadron, and Capt. Rogelio Maldonado, 354th Fighter Squadron, graduated from the five and a half month school, held at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. in December.

According to Staff Sgt. Christopher Stagner, Air Warfare Center Public Affairs at Nellis, every student who attends the Weapons School is

Capt. Christopher Plante (right), 357th Fighter Squadron, receives his diploma from the United States Air Force Weapons School's commandant, Col. John Carter.

an instructor in their respective specialty. The course begins with the students focusing on their particular air and space specialties.

Ten exercise periods cover the full spectrum of what the Air Force is asked to do in a time of war.

The students are considered to be tomorrow's weapons and tactics instructors. More than 160 students attend annually at Nellis.



Courtesy photo

Airmen earn promotions

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Five Airmen from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base received a holiday surprise when they were promoted through the Stripes to Exceptional Performers program.

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2502, a STEP promotion supplements existing Airmen promotion programs and is designed to accommo-

date unique circumstances that, in the commander's judgment, warrant promotion. It is intended to provide a means to promote Airmen for compelling, although perhaps not quantifiable, reasons.

Of the D-M Airmen who were selected, three were promoted to the rank of technical sergeant and two were promoted to master sergeant. The promotions were effective when each Airmen was notified.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Ralph Betts, 355th Operations Support Squadron, is given his promotion orders to technical sergeant by Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief. He was one of five D-M Airmen promoted.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Tommy Mull, 355th Security Forces Squadron, takes a moment to celebrate as Col. Michael Isherwood, 355th Wing vice commander and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief, prepare to give him his new technical sergeant stripes.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

(Above) James Williamson, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, grins as Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief, "tack on" his new stripes master sergeant.

(Below) Jay Reformado, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, has his technical sergeant stripes "tacked on" by Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Senior Airman Alexander Rosales of the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Airman Rosales is a crew chief. According to his supervisor, Master Sgt. David Treadway, he was nominated for the spotlight because, "he's done a lot of great things with Airmen Against Drunk Driving, Naylor Middle School and base involvement."

The following are Airman Rosales's responses to a variety of questions.

Hobbies, outside activities: I enjoy camping, hiking, running, fishing, weightlifting and wrestling. The rest of my free time is spent on volunteer activities.

If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force?

The Air Force will give you the opportunity to fulfill all of your lifetime goals if you are motivated. It's possible to work, help out the community and get your degree all while getting paid.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? Volunteer before you're 'voluntold.'

What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force? Being deployed during the beginning of the War in Iraq was most memorable to me. While working on the flightline we



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

got all of our planes up in the air and it was an amazing feeling.

Name someone who inspires you (or that you admire) and why: My dad, Jesus Rosales, inspires me the most. He works about 16 hours a day at two different jobs to provide for my family back in Phoenix. I have obtained his drive to never quit and to always want to better myself.

Dec. Sharp Troop Awards

Congratulations to the following Airmen who were recognized by the Chief's Group as outstanding Airmen for December. The Airmen selected project a professional appearance, outstanding bearing and exceptional professionalism.



The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Chief's Group Sharp Troop award program is intended to recognize outstanding personnel in the enlisted grades of airman basic through technical sergeant. Airmen selected as Sharp Troops are awarded a Chief's Group Coin, certificate and Army and Air Force Exchange Service coupons.

355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Gregory Jones

355th Component

Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Stephens

355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

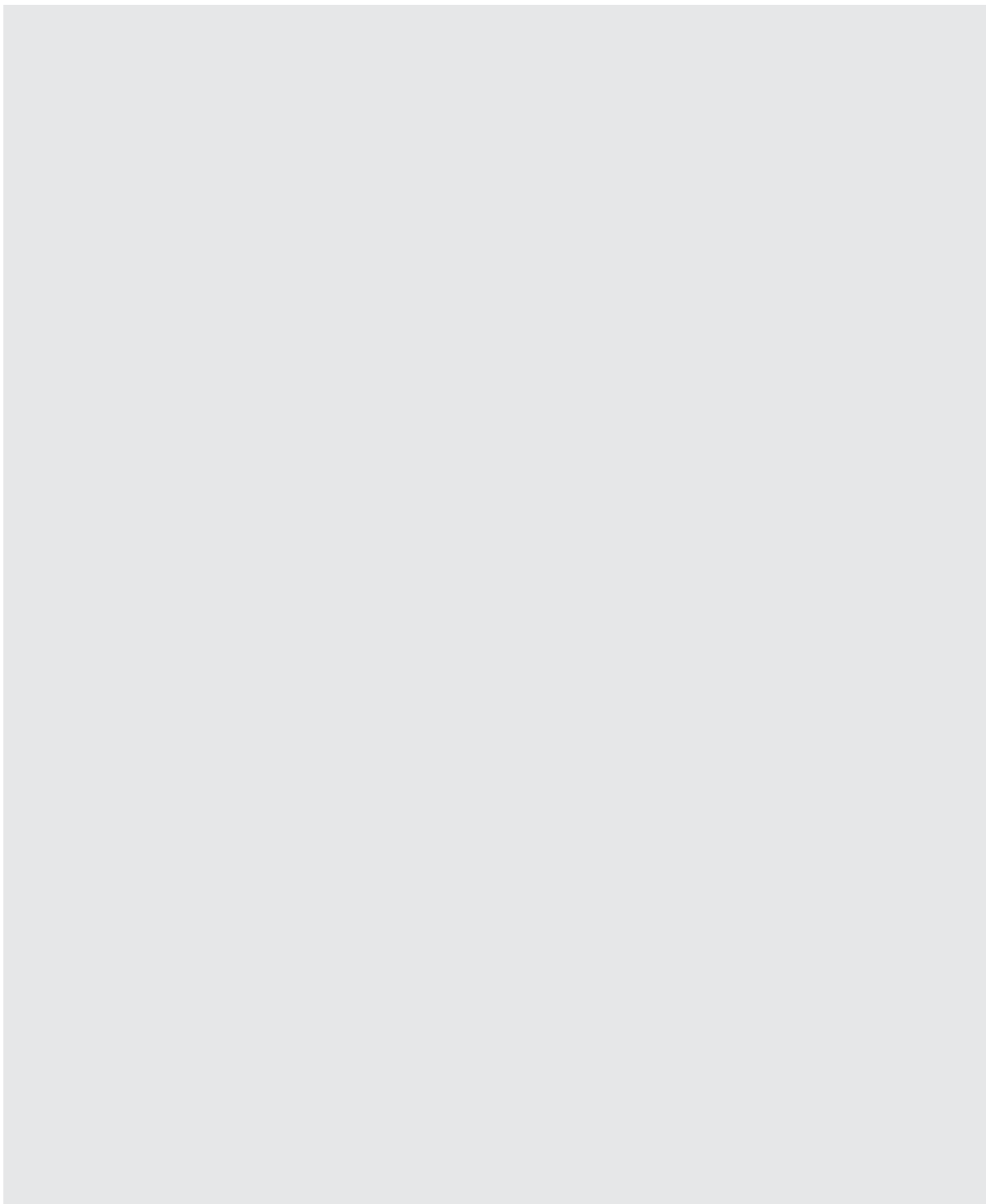
Airman 1st Class Wesley Caldwell

474th Operations Group

Airman 1st Class Randi Greubel

612th Combat Plans Squadron

Airman 1st Class Megan Leuschel





Photos by Airman Veronica Pierce



(Above) Border Patrol Senior Patrol Agent Rick Tena secures Airman 1st Class Ryan Goodard, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, to a stretcher before moving him to a safe area during an exercise.

(Left) Master Sgt. Jamie Quintana from the 355th Medical Group, applies moulage simulating a hand injury to Staff Sgt. Keith Harman of the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, before the start of the exercise.

Airmen help others get a leg up on readiness by ...

Getting knee deep in makeup

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

I stared down at the rip in the leg of my jeans. A chicken bone protruded out of it and red syrup had been poured around the rip and on my hands to simulate blood. The "wound" was supposed to look like a compound fracture to help me realistically play a moulage victim in a Border Patrol exercise.

Moulage is like the makeup they use in Hollywood movies. At a quick glance, it can look very real. It is used in exercises to simulate victims and to help prepare organizations for real-world situations.

The scenario was this: I was playing the part of an illegal immigrant who had just been smuggled across the border. All four vehicles in my caravan were involved in accidents. The force of the accident had thrown some people, me included, from the vehicles and pinned others inside. Everyone had fake injuries and some were also playing the part of fatalities.

Upon their arrival at the scene of the accident, the Border Patrol agents were involved in a shoot-out with some of the passengers from two vans that were traveling behind us. After neutralizing the situation, the Border Patrol agents swarmed all over the scene of the accident like bees to honey.

Soon, they had assessed and triaged everyone

involved, and began helping us in order of the severity of our injuries. Since my fake injury, a broken leg, wasn't life threatening, it entitled me to a view of the exercise.

I watched as one by one, they loaded the injured onto backboards and carried them over a hill to a staging area where they were loaded into waiting ambulances. Two victims were even airlifted to safety by a helicopter that had landed several hundred yards away.

The agents acted professionally as they assessed and initially dressed my wound. They elevated it and told me to keep pressure on it. They left to help the victim in front of me who had a simulated spinal injury. I watched as they worked as a team to roll the young man onto his side and then place him on a backboard. They placed a collar around his neck to add support so as to not aggravate the wound.

After tending to him, an agent came over to me, dressed my wound again and helped me to my good foot. Together, we limped over the hill that separated us from the staging area. Once there, a paramedic loaded me into an ambulance with two other victims. He ran around to the driver's side, jumped in and drove us across the parking lot to the other side.

Turning to me, he said, "Congratulations, you're healed."

I thanked him and jumped out of the ambulance and hobbled back to where the agents had

left my shoe when they examined my injury.

While the exercise immediately helped train the Border Patrol, other agencies like Joint Task Force North were also involved in the exercise.

"Joint Task Force North, based at Biggs Army Airfield, Fort Bliss, Texas, is a joint service command comprised of active duty and reserve component Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Department of Defense civilian employees and contracted support personnel," said Armando Carrasco, public affairs officer with JTF North.

"(Joint Task Force) North, formerly known as Joint Task Force Six, is the department of Defense organization tasked to support our nation's federal law enforcement agencies in the interdiction of suspected trans-national threats within and along the approaches to the continental United States," Mr. Carrasco said. "Trans-national threats are those activities conducted by individuals who or groups that involve international terrorism, narco-trafficking, weapons of mass destruction and the delivery systems for such weapons that threaten the national security of the United States."

Exercises like these help keep our government's agencies ready to act on a moment's notice in the event of an emergency.

Working together, these agencies help make

A look at Air Force leaders

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

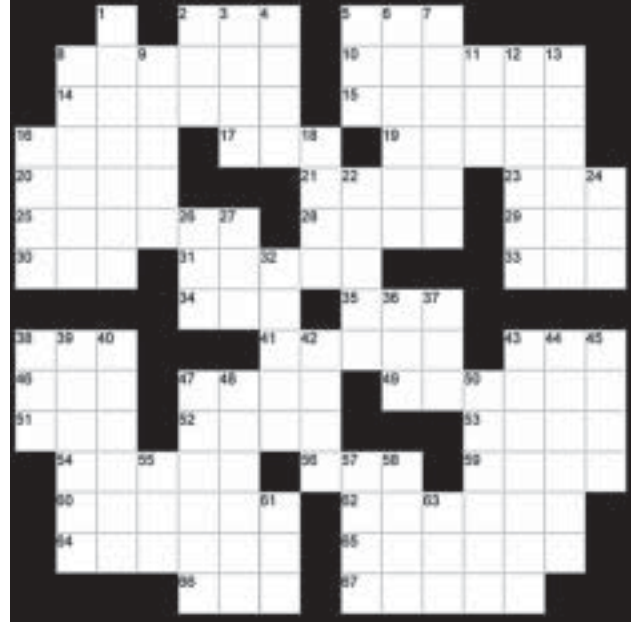
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2. Shaq's org.
5. Alphabet beginning
8. Moving in the air
10. Lt. Gen. George ____, surgeon general (AF/SG)
14. "A Street Car Named Desire" character
15. Cloister
16. Iowa town
17. Bad salt
19. Sadder
20. Fall cleanup tool
21. A woodwind
23. Alcohol spirit
25. Speaker
28. Epochs
29. Forensic ID
30. Water block
31. Oklahoma town
33. Rumsfeld office symbol
34. Observe
35. Blob
38. Nuclear, biological, chemical devices, in short
41. Western actor John

43. Ballistic missile org.
46. Pilot with 5+ kills
47. Abel's sib
49. Answer the utterance
51. USAF medal for flying heroism
52. Supplant
53. Second-hand
54. Saudi inhabitants
56. 1 + 1 result
59. NY team
60. Contradict
62. Religious house
64. AFB home to Red Flag
65. Consented
66. Explosive combo
67. Hirsute

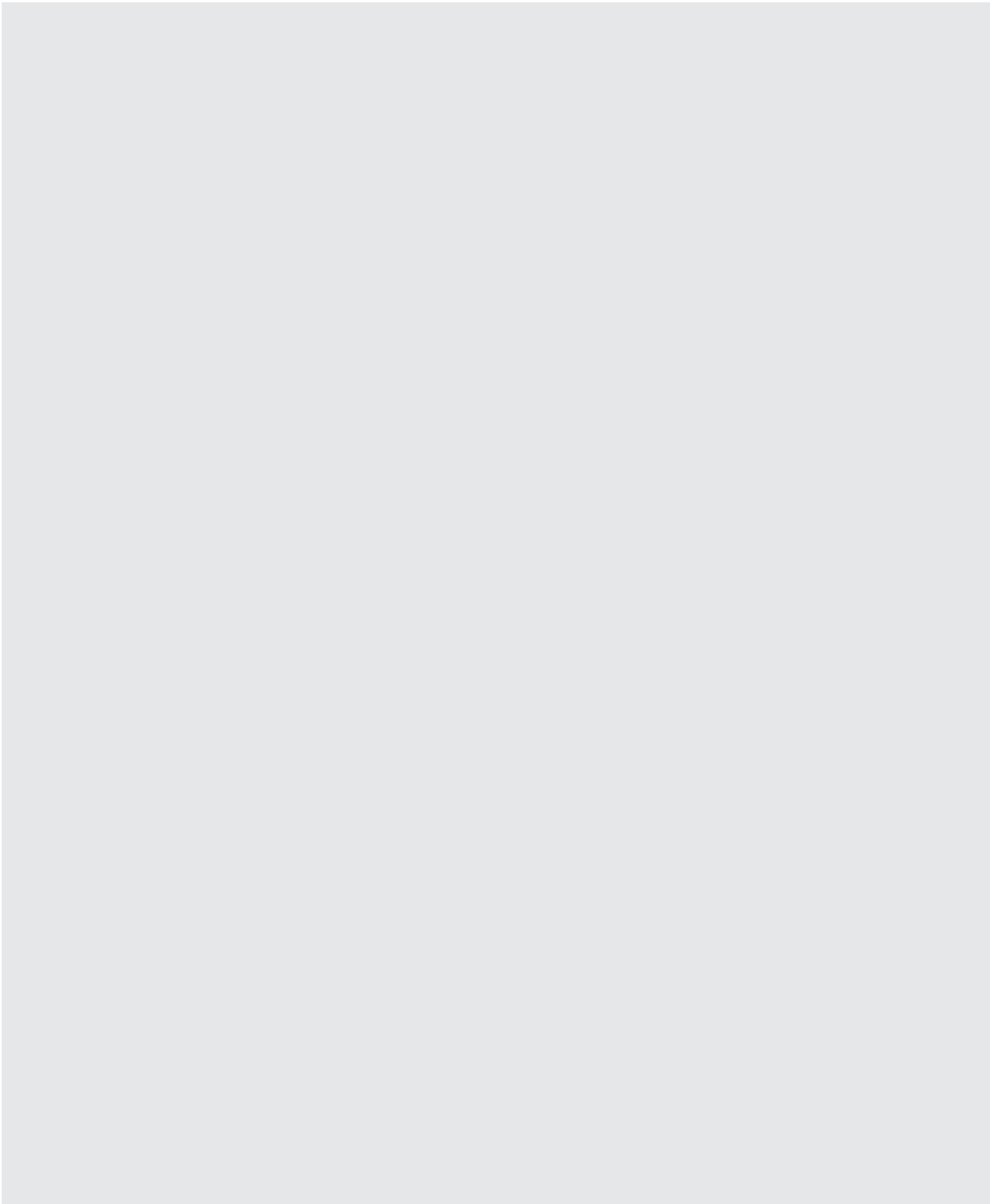
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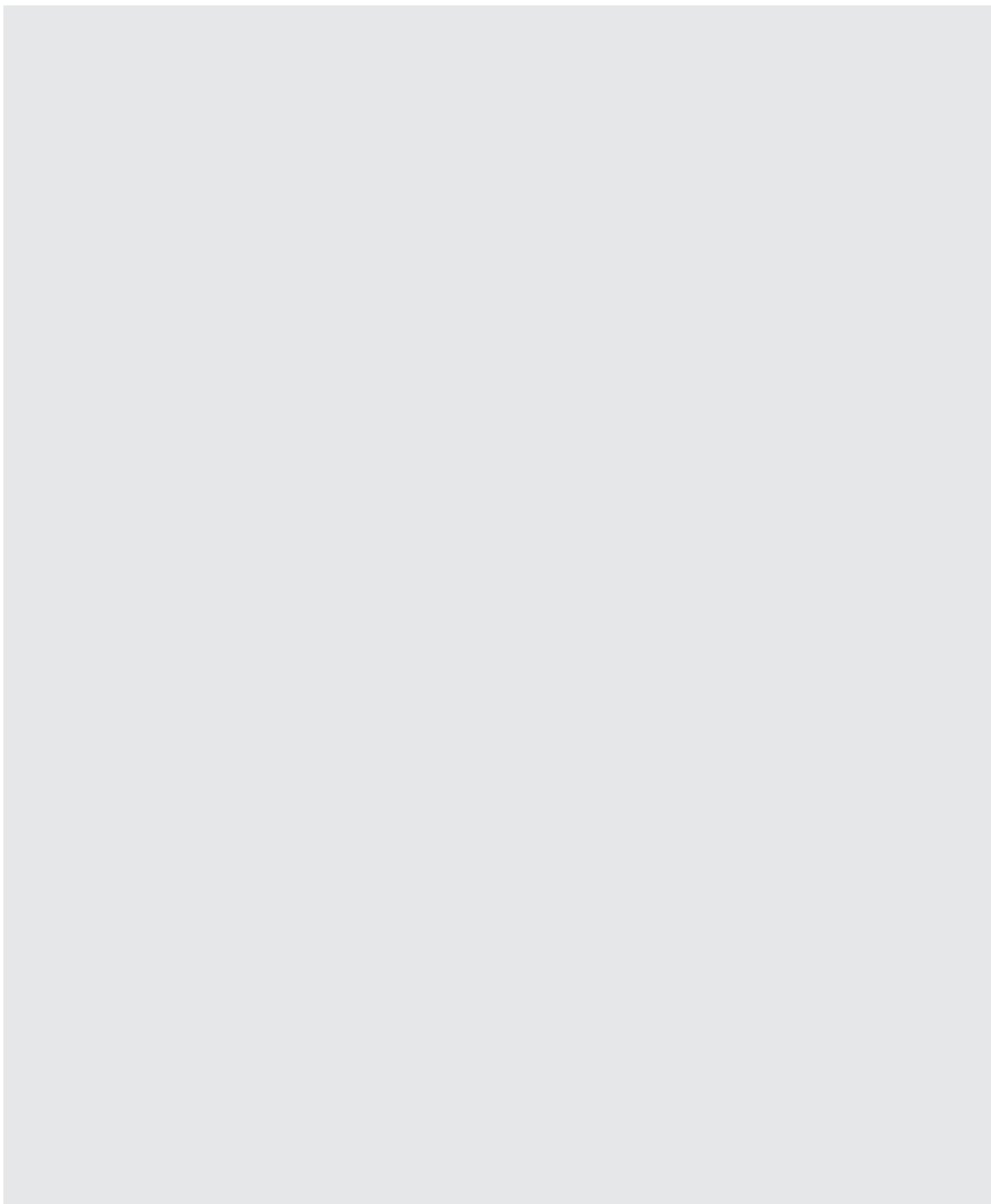
1. Lt. Gen. Donald J. ____, Installations & Logistics (AF/IL)
2. Nothing score
3. Salve
4. Regretful expression
5. One __ time
6. First European to see Pacific Ocean
7. Revolutions
8. Eritrean capital
9. Clear, as in electronic clock
11. TV character Grant
12. Exaggerate
13. TV shows, sometimes
16. NY Yankee player, informally
18. Leaves
22. "The __ Bunch"
24. Angry
26. USAF commissioning source
27. Penitence
32. Dr. Mark J. ____, chief scientist (AF/ST)
36. NORAD region
37. Pollen-gathering insect
38. Clump
39. Maj. Gen. M.L. ____, Safety (AF/SE)
40. Commandment
42. Picnic pests
43. Gen. T. Michael ____, vice chief of staff (AF/CV)
44. Slimmed down
45. Conjunctions
47. Metallic element Co



(Solutions for this week's crossword puzzle are located on Page 26.)

48. Texas town
50. Gen. John P. ____, chief of staff (AF/CC)
55. Altimeter setting, perhaps
57. Normandy beach
58. Gigantic
61. Time zone for Langley AFB
63. Scan done by a doctor





Fit to Fight

77 Davis-Monthan Airmen score 100 percent on their fitness test in 2004

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

In 2004, the Air Force implemented a new fitness test. The updated program included a 1.5-mile timed run, a muscular-fitness test of push-ups and crunches and a body composition test.

According to the Air Force Link at www.af.mil, the program was designed to measure the general health of Airmen. Performance in each of the three component areas earn Airmen points. They can earn a maximum of 50 points on the aerobic portion of the test, 30 points on the body composition portion and 20 on the muscular fitness portion. The total number of points earned on the fitness test puts the individual Airman into one of four categories: 90 or greater is excellent, 75 to 89.9 is good, 70 to 74.9 is marginal and less than 70 is poor.

During 2004, the following 77 Airmen from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base proved they are "Fit to Fight" when they scored 100 percent on their Air Force Fitness Test:

Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center

Capt. Shirley Mercier

12th Air Force

Lt. Col. Amy Altemus

25th Operational Weather Squadron

Staff Sgt. Christian Hendrick

1st Lt. Paul Homan

Capt. Jonathan Mason

Lt. Col. Vicki Michetti

2nd Lt. Sarah Penny

41st Electronic Combat Squadron

Master Sgt. Scott Drayna

Capt. Daniel Hendrix

43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

1st Lt. Jerry Biang

Capt. Adam Burch

Capt. Heidi Commins

1st Lt. Stephen Graham

Airman 1st Class Christopher Hicks
Maj. Alan Jamieson

Capt. Brian Moyer

79th Rescue Squadron

Capt. Peter White

1st Lt. Scott Williams

354th Fighter Squadron

Capt. Dan Fischer

Lt. Col. John Horner

Capt. Chris Seager

355th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Pedro Barajas

1st Lt. Jeffery Bosque

Airman 1st Class Jordan Ellis

Airman 1st Class Blasé Evancho

Airman 1st Class Dyrelle Holiday

Staff Sgt. Janathan Latsoft

Senior Airman Dustin Luca

Staff Sgt. Daniel Naef

Staff Sgt. Isaac Soto

Senior Airman Brent Stokes

355th Civil Engineer Squadron

1st Lt. Davy Calkins

2nd Lt. Joshua Ills

Chief Master Sgt. Ed Lubbers

1st Lt. Mary Rudy

355th Communication Squadron

Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Halstead

Senior Airman Mike Morgan

Chief Master Sgt. Christopher

Nelson

2nd Lt. Christina Perez

Airman 1st Class Matt Portlock

355th Component

Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Emily Goodwin

1st Lt. Paul Schwannesen

355th Equipment

Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Matthew Bruffy

Airman 1st Class Prescott Love

Senior Airman Nicolaus Stone

Senior Airman Edward Stottlemeyer

Senior Airman Jarrett Valentine

Senior Airman Gilbert Vidaurri

355th Logistics

Readiness Squadron

Tech Sgt. Robert Drawdy

Senior Airman Daniel Johnson
2nd Lt. Faith Posey

Chief Master Sgt. William Rozier

355th Maintenance

Operations Squadron

Master Sgt. Blake Roia

355th Medical Group

Capt. Karen Elliott

Staff Sgt. Sarah Hall

Maj. Robert Harris

Senior Airman Tagried Pervaiz

Maj. Richard Quintana

Senior Airman Covito Redman

Maj. Christine Stabile

Tech. Sgt. Tracy Thompson

355th Operations Group

Capt. Richard Erkkila

Capt. Bryan Wieland

355th Training Squadron

Capt. Carlos Acevedo

355th Wing Staff

Col. William George

Lt. Col. Pat Lee

357th Fighter Squadron

1st Lt. Grant McCall

1st Lt. Jesse McColloch

2nd Lt. Gregory Stack

358th Fighter Squadron

Capt. James Vap

372nd Training Squadron,

Detachment 11

Master Sgt. Thomas Lawlor

563rd Maintenance Squadron

Capt. Jayne Baker

612th Air

Communications Squadron

2nd Lt. Aubrey Curtis

2nd Lt. Daniel Padden

612th Air Intelligence Squadron

Maj. Evie Conlon

Master Sgt. Irving Malcolm

755th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

Maj. Michael Shea

(Editor's note: This list of names is courtesy the D-M Fitness and Sports Center. For more information regarding the list, call the center at 228-0022.)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Col. Dave Mayer, 612th Combat Operations Squadron, works out at the Fitness and Sports Center. Sit-ups are one third of the Air Force Fitness Test.

Sports Shorts

Basketball Tourney

The annual Best of the West Basketball Tourney will be held at the D-M Fitness and Sports Center Jan. 14 through 17. D-M will host this competition with military and civilian teams displaying their talent. Highly attended by players and fans in the past, there will be approximately 10 to 12 teams playing a double elimination format this year. Trophies will be awarded to the winners. For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 228-0022.

Swim Team meeting

Parents of children on the New D-M Swim Team are invited to a meeting Feb. 5 to discuss specifics about the team. Information covered includes the cost, practices, equipment and more. Parents are invited to gain information and ask questions at this time. For more information, call Billy Vinueza at 228-3759.

Super Bowl Party

The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will host a

Football Frenzy Super Bowl Party Feb. 6. The event will include food and drink specials as well as prize drawings. The club will also announce the winners of the grand prize Jeep Wrangler, deluxe barbecue gas grill and X-Box game system. The drawings will be from entries submitted during 2004 Monday night games. Entry into the Super Bowl Party is free for members and one guest. The cost is \$10 for non-members. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the game starts at 4 p.m. For more information, call 228-3100.

Sports Shorts

Super Bowl Bingo

The Desert Lighting Community Center will host Super Bowl Bingo for D-M Airmen Feb. 6. The games will begin at 4 p.m. Participants can enjoy the Super Bowl and play football Bingo based on the events of the game. There will be prizes awarded along with free finger food, sub sandwiches and drinks. Entry is free. For more information, call 228-3717.

Romero Pools hike

This 5.7 mile hike to Romero Pools Jan. 15 will take participants into the Catalina Mountains. Starting on the flat desert floor, hikers wind steeply up into the mountains amid rock formations and then drop down to an area of trees, pools and waterfalls at the bottom of a canyon. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Dress for the weather and bring plenty of water and food. For more information, call 228-3736.

D-M Biathlon Series

The Davis-Monthan community

can now sign-up for the D-M Biathlon Series. This program promotes swimming and running as a life-long recreational activity to help individuals meet their personal fitness goals. It is designed for participants to compete in three biathlons over a three month period. The schedule is as follows:

- ◆ A 500 meter swim and a one and a half mile run Jan. 24,
- ◆ A 600 meter swim and a two mile run Feb. 28 and
- ◆ An 800 meter swim and a three mile run held March 28.

For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center's indoor pool at 228-0015.

Snowbowl skiing

D-M's Outdoor Recreation has a trip to the Arizona Snowbowl Feb. 11. Cost is \$150 and includes transportation and two night's lodging. Participants will be able to rent their equipment at Fort Tuthill. Lift tickets cost \$42 for the day or \$34 for half the day. The Arizona Snowbowl, located on the San Francisco Peaks, is one of the oldest continually run ski areas in the United States. It offers more than

50 acres and two chairlifts in the Hart Prairie beginner area. Advanced snow riders can enjoy challenging trails and more than 2,300 feet of vertical drop. With four chair lifts, 32 scenic alpine trails, a terrain park for boarders and skiers, as well as two lodges, both with a restaurant, bar and sports shop, there is a wide variety of things for people to do. For more information, call 228-4491.

Ventana Canyon hike

This hike takes place Feb. 4 and is a 4.8 mile hike into the Catalina mountains. Ventana Canyon is a canyon still in a natural state. Hikers can quickly get away from the sights and sounds of the city and experience all the Catalina Canyons have to offer. The cost is \$15 and includes transportation and a guide. Hikers need to dress for the weather and bring plenty of water, food and sunscreen. For more information, call 228-4491.

Trail ride

There is a trip to Fort Huachuca for a two-hour horseback trail ride through the Huachuca Mountains

Feb. 26. After the ride there will be a barbecue dinner. Participants must be at least 7 years old and should bring plenty of water and dress for the weather. The cost is \$25 and includes transportation, dinner and the ride. For more information, call 228-4491.

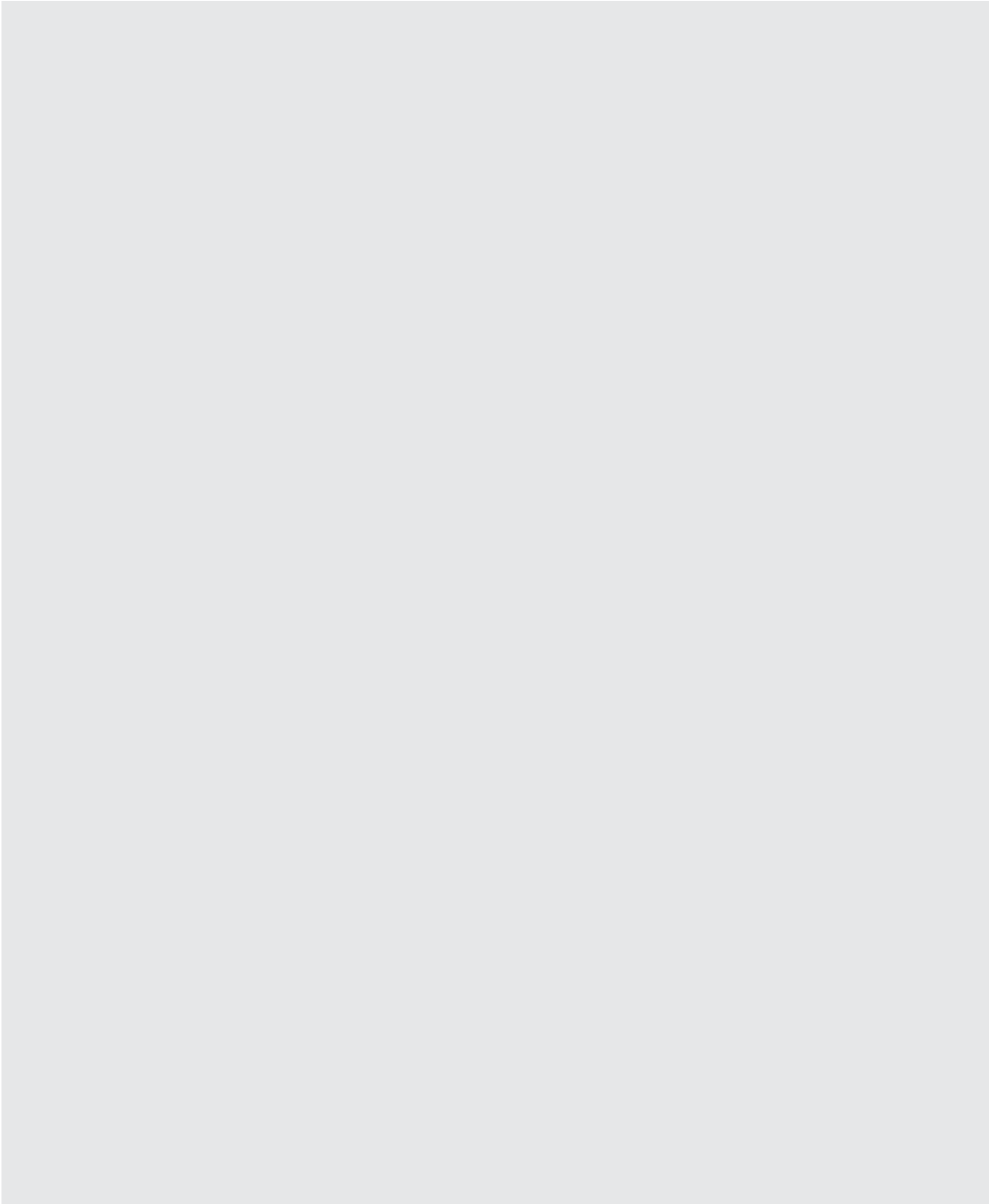
Equipment rental

Outdoor Recreation's has hundreds of items for rent ranging from camping equipment to tools and sports equipment. To see their selection of items, visit Building 4430 or check out their equipment price list and other important info at www.dmservicesonline.com. For more information, call 228-3736.

Intramurals

D-M's Intramural Program

The Davis-Monthan Intramural Program is run by the Fitness and Sports Center. For more information regarding upcoming leagues, or for more information regarding the current schedule of games, call the center at 228-0022.



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

MLK, Jr. service

The chapel will host a Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative worship service Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Desert Dove Chapel. Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief, will speak during this ecumenical service. Refreshments will be available afterward. For more information, call 228-5411.

Prayer Wall

The Base Chapel offers a Prayer Wall in the Desert Dove Chapel which displays pictures and names of deployed Airmen. To submit a name and picture for the Prayer Wall, contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Sturgill at 228-5411 or send an e-mail to timothy.sturgill@dm.af.mil. Anyone who wishes to pray for these deployed Airmen is invited to stop by the Desert Dove Chapel and view the Prayer Wall.

Education Services

DANTES testing center

The following changes have been implemented to the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support testing schedule: academic testing is now Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m.; Senior NCO Academic Course 12 testing is now Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.; and Career Development Course testing is now Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 1 p.m. For more information, call 228-4815 or 228-3813.

Commissioning briefings

The format for the Davis-Monthan commissioning briefings have changed. Commissioning Briefing I will be held on the third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. It will cover Basic Officer Training (formerly Officer Training School) and Air Force Academy requirements. Commissioning Briefing II will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. It will cover the Reserve Officer Training Corps programs and medical commissioning opportunities. For more

information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

FAFSA applications

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the gateway form that determines your eligibility for all types of federal student financial aid including Pell Grants, subsidized student loans and unsubsidized student loans. Additionally, almost all schools use the data to qualify students for public and private scholarships. Paper copies of the FAFSA are available at any college or university. To apply online visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation counseling

This class will take place at the D-M Family Support Center Tuesday, Jan. 18 and 25 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for Airmen and will acquaint departing members with services available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 15 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up for a session, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientations are Tuesday and Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship Training

To learn how to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base, attend the D-M Family Support Center's Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200,

Room 266. The class covers effective sponsorship and offers resources. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time For Tots

The next Time For Tots program will be held Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Christmas tree recycling

The Davis-Monthan community can drop off their live Christmas trees at the Base Recycling Center until Sunday. Trees must be free of all ornamentation. For more information, call Joe Uemovich at 228-2296.

Gas Light Theater tickets

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to attend a play at the Gas Light Theater Feb. 27 to support the D-M's Volunteer Program. The event is a fundraiser for the base's Annual Volunteer Banquet. The Gas Light Theater offers musical comedy melodrama, complete with piano playing, sing alongs and more. The audience is invited to cheer the hero and boo the villain. The play is "The Cisco Kid." Tickets cost \$20. Doors open at 2:15 p.m. For more information, call the D-M Family Support Center at 228-5690.

D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

Society of Military Widows

The SMW Chapter 14 will meet Jan. 15 at noon at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Lunch costs \$13 but club members receive a discount. Guests are welcome. For reservations, call 663-0279 by Saturday.

Movies

Admission is for Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests only. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Today and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Alexander, R — Alexander The Great was a relentless conqueror who, by the age of 32, had amassed the greatest empire the world had ever seen. In this portrayal of his life, past and present collide to form a tapestry of triumphs and tragedies. Alexander's rise to power unfolds with the expansion of his empire, its gradual decline and ultimate downfall. The story includes his youth, fueled by dreams of glory, to his mysterious death. *2 hours, 56 minutes*



Sunday at 7 p.m.

Bridget Jones; The Edge of Reason, PG-13 — When the first film left her, Bridget was blissful in the arms of lawyer Mark Darcy. However, when his new intern comes into the picture, Bridget's pink clouds begin to turn gray as her attacks of self-doubt sorely test her relationship with Darcy. And just when it seems that the waters couldn't get any more choppy, Bridget's former boss, womanizing heart-throb Daniel Cleaver, sails into view. *1 hour, 48 minutes*



Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact him at 228-7352.

Annual Colossal Cookie Challenge

It's time to get out those favorite cookie recipes and start baking for the Annual Colossal Cookie Challenge at the Desert Lightning Community Center. Contestants participate in a cookie bake-off in one of four categories. Winners will be submitted to Air Combat Command for a chance to compete. Winners at the ACC level will then go on to compete at the Air Force level. Winning recipes will also be submitted for the Family Member Programs Community Center Colossal Cookie Challenge Recipe Book. All persons eligible to use the Community Center and the D-M Youth Center may participate in the Challenge. Entries must be submitted for judging in only one of the following categories: holiday or special occasions (decorated cookies), no-bake cookies, healthy cookies (must contain fruit, nuts or cereal) and cookie makers special (everything that doesn't fit in another category). Entries will be judged on the following: taste, appearance and creativity. Each contestant must provide a complete recipe with all ingredients, specific measurements and utensils necessary to prepare the entry. For more information, or to sign up, call the Community Center at 228-3717.

Community Center Bingo

The Desert Lightning Community Center invites the base to come out and enjoy Bingo games every Tuesday. Doors open for a social hour at 5 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There will be Bingo games, cash prizes and jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. Saturday, Feb. 6 and March 6, the center will hold special Sunday Family Bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. Players must be 18 years old to participate in the Tuesday games. For more information, call 228-3717 or stop by the center in Building 4201.

Framing classes

The Davis-Monthan Arts and Crafts Center has framing classes. In just two classes, students learn how to cut and join frames, size and cut the mats and glass and how to assemble their finished piece. The cost is \$20 and includes all supplies. The next classes are Jan. 20 and 27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-4385.

Preteen organizations

The D-M Youth Center has a club for preteens who enjoy helping people, giving to their community and socializing with your friends. The group is called the Youth Center's Torch or 4-H Community Service Clubs. They meet every other Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-8844.

Scrapbooking class

The Desert Lightning Community is invited to let their creativity flow at the D-M Arts and Crafts Center Jan. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. during a scrapbooking class. The cost of the class for new students is \$10. Returning students receive a \$2



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Staff Sgt. Adam Hodel, 563rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, positions a transmission jack under his vehicle prior to upgrading clutch parts while using the D-M Auto Skills Center.

D-M Auto Skills Overnighter

The Davis-Monthan Auto Skills Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. Jan. 21 until 9 p.m. Jan. 22 to allow patrons time to work on their vehicles. In addition to the drive-in bays with their hydraulic lifts, patrons can paint their

cars, rebuild their engines and do many other auto repairs and preventive maintenance routines. Pizza will be served at 7 and 8 p.m. Jan. 21. Beverages are not included but are available from a vending machine. For more information, call 228-3614.

discount. The cost includes all supplies. For more information regarding the scrapbooking class, call 228-4385.

Paint Yourself Happy

Paint plates, cups, bowls, piggy banks, candlesticks, boxes and many other items at the D-M Arts and Crafts Center. This program is available during regular duty hours. Cost ranges from \$8 to \$15 and includes the craft item, paint, shop time and firing if needed. For more information, call 228-4385.

Teen Aviation Camp

Applications are now available at the Youth Center for the Teen Aviation Camp. The camp runs from June 4 to 8 at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado. The camp is for current High School sophomores and juniors. Applications are due to the Youth Center no later than Feb. 11. An interview will be set up the following week. For more information regarding the camp, call Kathy Sands at 228-8373.

Stormy's Cafe

Stormy's Cyber Cafe in the Desert Lightning Community Center has menu selections which include fresh sandwiches and subs made daily; hot dogs and polish dogs; chili; salads; chicken, tuna, turkey, ham or roast beef wraps; Freschetta gourmet pizza; and a baked potato bar. Stormy's also offers waffles, pancakes, bagels, pastries, gourmet coffees, iced tea, freezes, lattes, cappuccinos, espresso, juices, ice cream and more. While there, don't forget to pick up a sandwich, sub, coffee and specialty drink punchcard.

Purchase the amount of items listed on any one of the cards and get one free. Stormy's is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit Building 4201 or call Stormy's at 228-3500.

Children's Workshop

Children can get an early start on their Valentine's Day crafts in the D-M Arts and Craft Center's Children's Workshop Jan. 29. The class is from 1 to 3 p.m. and costs \$6. For more information, call 228-4385.

Free childcare

Those who have deployed in support of contingency operations for a minimum of 30 days, cumulatively, in a six-month period, are now eligible to receive a limited amount of free child care. The program is designed to help reduce stress and allow families time to readjust. The Returning Home Care Program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child under this Expanded Child Care Program. Eligible users are active-duty service members, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members assigned to or living on the installation. Guard and Reserve are eligible to use this program also under the Home Community Care Program in the civilian community during weekend care contracted time. The care is provided in an Extended Duty Care Family Child Care Providers home and is limited to children 12 years and younger for no more than 16 hours per six-month period. For more information regarding eligibility requirements for this program, call 228-2201.



